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**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

*Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector*

**FOR THE YEAR**

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Highfield House,  
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Shepton Mallet,  
Somerset.



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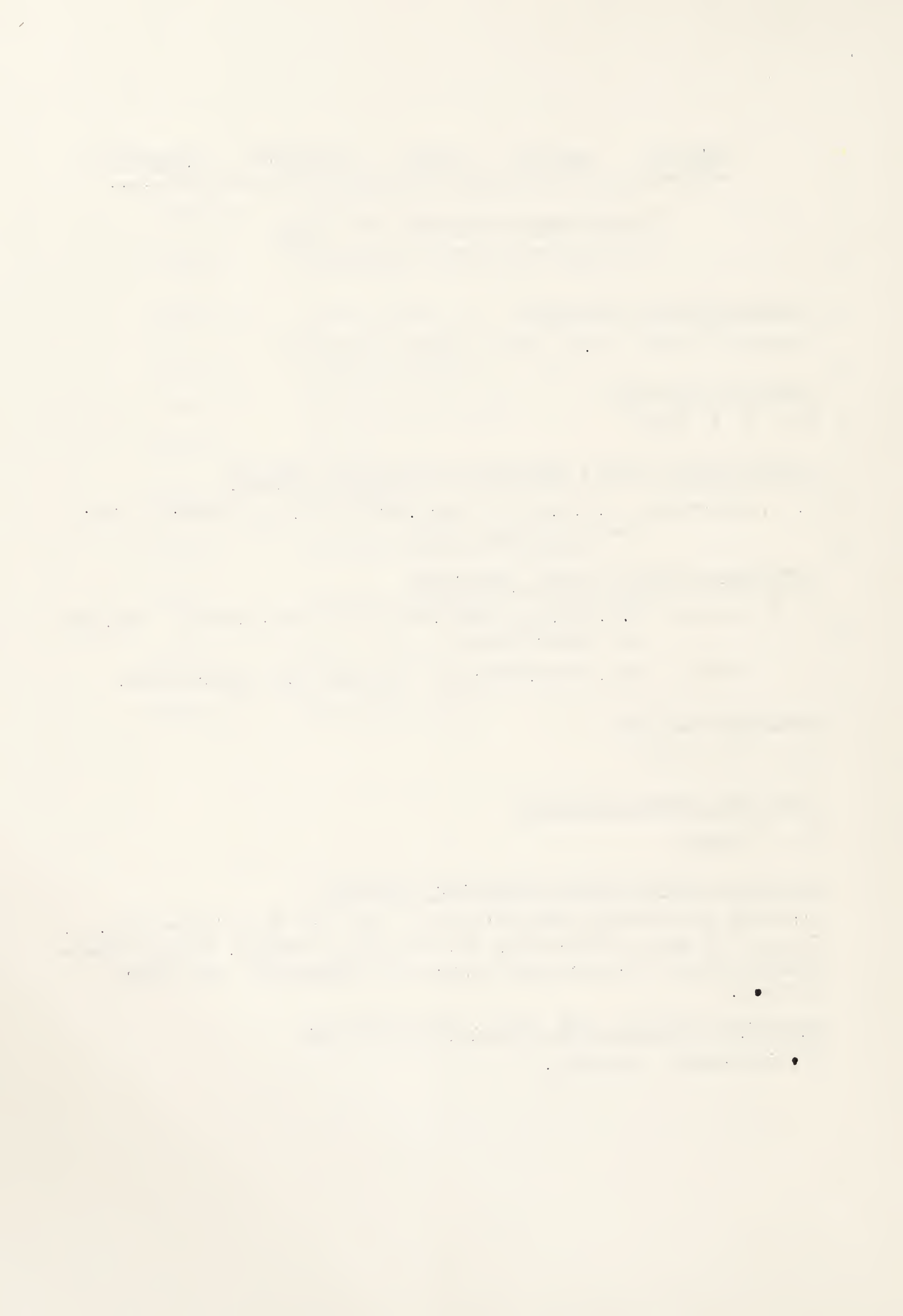
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Duties of Public Health Inspectors include :-

Sanitary and Housing Administration, Meat and Food Inspection, Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Salvage, Council House Administration (Letting and Control of Tenancies), and Rodent Control.

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9th October 1970.

To : The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1969, compiled in accordance with Circular 1/70 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

The vital statistics show a drop in the birth rate to a figure below the national average but for the second time in the past three years there were no infant deaths. The general death rate remained below the National and County average and there was again no maternal mortality.

Much of the time of the Public Health Inspectors and myself was taken up during the first half of the year in checking the vigorous wave of *Sonné* dysentery which spread out from the town. However, the illness, though very infectious, was relatively mild in nature, without complications. Hong Kong Flu made its appearance at the beginning of the year and then in great strength at the end, but thanks to the Council's policy in offering influenza vaccination free to its office staff and other workers every autumn these were largely protected against it. Similarly, with the help of vaccine supplied by the County Council, I was able to offer protection to district nurses, home helps, ambulancemen and other County health workers, besides to the staff and residents of an adjacent Old People's Home.

Progress on the environmental side was maintained as detailed by the Senior Public Health Inspector, to whom I am most grateful for his Report and for his co-operation, together with that of his Additional Public Health Inspectors, at all times.

My thanks are also due to the Clerk, Surveyor, other Officers and Council Members for their courtesy and support.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

D. E. CLARE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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# GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres) ...	...	...	47,167
Estimated population (mid-year 1969) ..	...	...	10,740
Number of inhabited houses ...	...	...	3,630
Rateable Value (at 31.12.69) ..	...	...	£324,329
Product of a Penny Rate (1969-70) ...	...	...	£1,259

## MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1969

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

### B I R T H S

			<u>Shepton Mallet RDC.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	(provisional)
Legitimate	73	71	144			8,337
Illegitimate	4	6	10			581
Totals	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>154</u>			8,918
Rate per 1,000 population			14.3	15.6	16.8	16.3
(Area births comparability factor 1.09)					(corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected birth rate to national rate					.96	

### ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 6.0

7.0

8.0

### STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	1	1	2			9,555
Illegitimate			Nil			1,107
Totals	1	1	2			10,662
Rate per 1,000 live and still births			13.0			12.5
						13.0

### TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

78 78 156

9,031

808,204

### D E A T H S

<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>	71	47	118	7,487	579,463
(all ages)					
Rate per 1,000 population	11.0	10.1	10.8	11.9	
(Area deaths comparability factor .92)			(corrected)		
Ratio of local corrected death rate to national rate	.85				

### INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year)

Legitimate						12,694
Illegitimate			Nil			1,703
						140
						14,397

### (under 4 weeks)

Legitimate						
Illegitimate			Nil			103
						9,603

### (under 1 week)

Legitimate						
Illegitimate			Nil			89
						8,232

<u>DEATHS (continued)</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet RDC.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u> (provisional)
	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	Nil		16.0	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil		15.0	17.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil		24.0	25.0
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>				
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	Nil	12.0	12.0
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>				
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	Nil	10.0	10.0
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>				
(still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)	13.0		22.0	23.0
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)</u>				
Number of deaths	...	Nil	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil		0.11	

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>				
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Primary Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	3	-	-	30
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	2
Measles	100	22	203	48	57
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	1	6	4	1
Tuberculosis - respiratory	2	1	2	-	-
Tuberculosis - non respiratory	1	1	1	-	1
Whooping cough	-	-	5	-	9
	111	28	219	53	100



Causes of death at different periods of life during 1969 (as given by the Registrar-General

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75 & upwards
Malignant neoplasm - buccal cavity	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Malignant neoplasm - prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Diabetes mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other endocrine etc, diseases	F	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart diseases	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Ischaemic heart disease	M	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	7	6
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6
Other forms of heart disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cerebrovascular disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

continued



Causes of death (continued)

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years									
					1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75 & upwards		
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Appendicitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other diseases of digestive system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Congenital anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Motor vehicle accidents	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
All other accidents	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All other external causes	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	M	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	23	20	24	
	F	47	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	5	13	24	

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

Following discussions held with the Joint Administrative Officer of the Mass Radiography Service, arrangements were made for the Unit to visit Union Street Car Park, Wells, on 11th August for a morning and afternoon session with a view to deciding whether attendance at these sessions warranted the re-introduction of the service to the area. Details are given below of the results of this visit. Other sites visited were Norah Fry Hospital, Shepton Mallet, on 24th March when 8 males and 180 females were examined and H.M.Prison, Shepton Mallet, on 12th August when 143 males were examined, no abnormalities were detected on either of these occasions.

Union Street Car Park, Wells.	Male	Female	Total
Numbers examined	164	153	317
Abnormalities detected	2	-	2

DETAILS OF ABNORMALITIES DETECTED

	Male	Female	Total
Bronchial Carcinoma	1	-	1
Spontaneous Pneumothorax	1	-	1



## NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1969

(the figures are in general too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population An increase of 20 over the mid-year population of the previous year was estimated by the Registrar-General, and births exceeded deaths by 36.

### Births

Live Births fell by 21 compared with the previous year, with a corresponding fall in the Corrected Birth Rate to a figure below the County and National averages; illegitimate live births were less and the percentage similarly lower.

Still Births numbered 2 and the Still Birth Rate was the same as for England and Wales.

### Deaths

All Ages rose by 2 above the 1968 figure but the Corrected Death Rate remained better than the County and National rates - male deaths preponderated roughly in the ratio of 3 : 2.

Infant Mortality it is a pleasure to report that there was none.

Maternal Mortality as above.

### Causes of Death

Heart, Cerebrovascular and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System together caused 19 more deaths than in 1968, and of these Heart Disease accounted for 49, Cerebrovascular Diseases for 14 and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System for 8 deaths. As regards Ischaemic Heart Disease it will be seen that nearly three times as many males died as females.

Cancer Deaths fell by 2 compared with the previous year to a total of 22, as regards site, lung cancer again led with 6 deaths followed by breast cancer with three deaths.

Respiratory Diseases with 12 deaths totalled 2 less than in 1968 and of these Pneumonia preponderated with 5 deaths followed by Influenza with 4, the latter occurring mainly in females.

Accidents fell this year to 2 deaths, only 1 involving a motor vehicle and both occurring in females.

Notifiable Diseases A marked feature this year was the wave of Sonne dysentery cases which spread outwards from Shepton Mallet mainly to villages and hamlets in the south of the "District". The majority of cases notified occurred in primary school children and spread to pre-school children and adults in the family so that numerous visits to schools and homes were necessary by the public health staff and myself to instigate measures to limit the spread of this very infectious disease, but cases smoldered on from mid-February to mid-May.

Two cases of Infective Jaundice occurred, one of which was traceable to contact with a current epidemic in a neighbouring R.D.C. Gammaglobulin injections were given to three child contacts of the household and there was no further spread. The other case occurred in an isolated household elsewhere and there was no contact history, but a "bed and breakfast" business was carried on there and the person concerned had cleaned out his drains to the septic tank within the isolation period of the disease so the illness could well have been brought in from outside.



NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951.

No cases occurred which required action under the provisions of these acts but two elderly ladies living in borderline conditions were visited from time to time.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959. (Sec.20).

A Heat Treatment Notice, served in respect of brucellosis in a dairy herd in mid-1968 and partially lifted three months later, was fully re-applied in April 1969 following fresh infection in the main herd. The Order was still in force at the end of the year.

In respect of another farm, the Heat Treatment Notice served in mid-1968 was revoked in June 1969 as the farmer's Untreated Milk Licence had been cancelled.

Brucellosis infection in cattle on a third farm required no formal action, as no raw milk was retailed and the bulk milk went for heat treatment.

FOOD POISONING AND HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

Salmonella agama infection occurred in a woman living in the District but working as a food handler in a Shepton Mallet Hotel, who had to be taken off work until bacteriologically clear. This person also ran a small-holding, rearing pigs and a variety of poultry so that the possibilities of animal borne infection were enormous, but no specific animal was incriminated and there was no spread of the illness.

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1965 - 1969  
WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
1. <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	18.65	19.01	18.0	18.0	15.6
Somerset	16.76	17.86	17.7	16.9	16.8
England and Wales	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3
2. <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	11.24	8.21	9.0	9.9	10.1
Somerset	10.18	10.37	10.1	10.9	10.8
England and Wales	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9
3. <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	22.2	16.3	Nil	23.0	Nil
Somerset	10.75	15.12	14.0	15.6	16.0
England and Wales	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0



## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### (A) WATER SUPPLIES

#### 1. Public Main Supplies (the following information was provided by the Bristol Waterworks Company).

(a) General The public supplies of water in the District were adequate. All raw water is chlorinated before being passed into the mains.

#### (b) Sampling

1. Chlorinated Water      Number of samples taken      512  
   Satisfactory      ...      490

(the unsatisfactory samples were due to difficulties in operating drip feed chlorinators after heavy rain).

2. Untreated Water      184 samples of raw water were examined, many of which showed evidence of contamination, but not to the extent that the subsequent treatment by chlorination proved inoperative.

3. Chemical Analysis      Numerous samples were taken for chemical analysis.

(c) Lead Solvency      The water supplies in the District are not known to have any dissolving effect on lead.

(d) Carrying out of works      The Company have laid 805 yards of tapping mains.

(e) Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies      The following figures have been supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company :-

Stoke Bottom	...	...	...	0.06	(average Fluoride
West Bradley	...	...	...	0.45	p.p.m. as F)
Three Ashes	...	...	...	0.20	
Farncombe	...	...	...	0.16	
Evercreech	...	...	...	0.10	
Milton Clevedon..	...	...	...	0.15	
Lydford (ex Wessex Water Board)				0.22	
Gurney Slade	...	...	...	0.05	

#### 2. Individual Private Supplies

186 houses in the District (5.2%) are supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 173 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 13 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.



These samples gave the following results:-

Number taken	...	23
Satisfactory	...	14
Unsatisfactory	...	9

4 Source of supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 20 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. Of 3,630 houses in the District, 3,403 (93.8%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 173 (4.7%) have a spring or well water laid on internally, and 13 (4%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 13 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance procedure. 41 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.

Table B on page 21 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,332 houses in the District (91.9%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 71 (2%) from private mains.

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1 Sewerage Schemes

(a) Cranmore This scheme was completed.

(b) Evercreech (and Stoney Stratton) During the year the Ministry approved the carrying out of Stage 1 of the scheme and at the end of the year the County Council had approved the scheme and a grant towards the cost. The Consulting Engineers were preparing the documents for Stage 1 for the relief sewers and certain new sewers in Evercreech Village, (estimated cost £60,000). Stage 11, (Stoney Stratton) would be carried out immediately after the completion of Stage 1.

(c) Lydford (East and West) Progress on the preparation of this scheme was slow due to difficulties experienced in obtaining agreement with land owners regarding the location of the works and pumping station. At the end of the year, these difficulties had still not all been resolved.

(d) Batcombe and Westcombe Little progress was made with the preparation of this scheme. The information required by the Consulting Engineers for preparing a scheme to deal with trade waste was still not finalised.

(e) Alhampton, Parbrook and Binegar These three proposed schemes were again considered but adjourned owing to the commitments of the Council referred to previously. It was agreed in principal that when Parbrook was sewered the sewers would communicate with the proposed sewerage scheme for Baltonsborough (in the Wells Rural District) being prepared by the Wells R.D.C.



2 Drainage of existing houses

Table B on Page 21 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1969 as 1,852 (51.1%). 1,440 houses (39.7%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 338 houses (9.1%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage.

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on page 21 shows that 3,295 houses (90.8%) have a water closet. Eight houses (.2%) have a shared closets, 308 houses (8.5%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 19 houses (.5%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 103 houses in the District (2.8%) have no sink and 792 houses (21.8%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL / SALVAGE

- 1 Collection The Dennis Paxit IIA (18-24 cub.yard) refuse vehicle continued in operation. The fortnightly collection in each Parish continued.
- 2 Disposal Investigations into a Joint Incineration Disposal Scheme with other adjoining authorities were abandoned because of costs. The tip at Moorwood, Ashwick, continued in operation, but its future life is very limited.
- 3 Civic Amenities Act Action was taken under this Act for dealing with various unauthorised rubbish dumps and abandoned cars. There is a free collection system of bulky refuse, and facilities are provided for depositing by the public of such items.

(E) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

- 1 Smoke Abatement No formal action was taken during the year.
- 2 Caravans One new licence was issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, 16 licences were in force for sites for individual caravans, and two for more than one caravan.
- 3 Rag Flock There are no premises in this District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.
- 4 Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.
- 5 Rats and Mice Fifty-one complaints were received of rat infestation. Advice was given in respect of 8 cases of mice infestation. The Council's part-time Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the sewers at Cranmore, Croscombe, Ditchheat, Doultong, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. 121 premises were treated for the destruction of rats. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating 24 farms by agreement.



- 6 Insect Pests Treatment and advice was given for flies and other insect pests.
- 7 Factories Table H on page 24 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year, there were 20 Outworkers on the Council list, mainly employed in the Gloving Industry.
- 8 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were 27 premises registered at the end of the year, in which 189 persons were employed. Twenty-seven premises were inspected during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.
- 9 Swill Plants The powers with respect of the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958, by the County Council. There is one licence in force.
- 10 Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Five licences were renewed.
- 11 Atmospheric Pollution Inspections continued regarding emission of dust etc, from Quarry Plants, etc. There were no serious nuisances.
- 12 Complaints During the year, 80 complaints were received, as follows:-
 

General Housing matters ..	3
Drainage/sewage disposal ..	10
Rats, mice, insect pests ..	67
- 13 Notices Ten Informal Notices and one Statutory notice were served during the year.

#### (F) PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1 Slum Clearance The number of houses ascertained by the comprehensive Housing Survey in 1955 was 326, and at the end of 1969, this number had been reduced to 41, of which only 14 are considered to be re-housing cases, (see Table E on page 22).
- 2 Improvement Grants Four applications for Discretionary Grants and 20 applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table F on page 22 shows that schemes for the improvement of 20 houses were completed during the year.
- 3 Private houses erected 46 houses were erected by private enterprise.
- 4 Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.
- 5 Rent Act, 1957 No applications for a certificate of disrepair were received during the year.

#### (G) COUNCIL HOUSES

- 1 Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 94 applications on the Housing list. Of this total, only 55 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 27 for houses and 28 for Old Peoples' bungalows. During the year 27 houses, and 3 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant.



7 houses, 9 bungalows and 4 flats were erected and occupied. Details of applications, etc, are given in Table E on Page 22.

- 2 Building Programme Bungalows in course of erection - 4(Pilton).  
1970 Programme - 8 bungalows (Evercreech and Ashwick-Gurney Slade).

(H) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

- 1 Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
- 2 Ice-Cream There was one new registration for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
- 3 Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action in some cases achieved the necessary results.
- 4 Food Premises Generally Table I (Analysis of Food Premises) on page 25 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
- 5 Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-
- | <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Pigs</u> | <u>Sheep</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 512           | 4,100         | 948         | 1,274        | 6,834        |
- 6 Slaughtermen Six slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Acts.
- 7 Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables K and L on pages 26 and 27 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were three cases of Cysticercus Bovis in cattle, (the larval stage of the human tape-worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C. on occasions when their inspector was away.
- 8 Other Foods Condemned 1,810 items of food (259 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
- 9 Disposal of Condemned Foods Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried, when necessary, on the refuse tip.

(I) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming pool at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

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TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES  
EITHER OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or onto house		Number of houses supplied by standpipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc. laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
Ashwick	356	361	345	350	6	6	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	142	144	95	93	-	-	46	50	1	1
Binegar	89	89	87	87	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West.	89	89	88	88	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cranmore	143	144	124	125	10	10	8	8	1	1
Croscombe	234	235	226	227	2	2	6	6	-	-
Ditchheat	216	227	212	225	4	2	-	-	-	-
Doulting	195	195	182	182	4	4	6	6	3	3
Downhead	35	37	27	29	-	-	8	8	-	-
Emborough	47	51	45	49	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	557	576	532	551	6	6	19	19	-	-
Holcombe	254	261	253	260	-	-	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	47	47	40	40	-	-	6	6	1	1
Lydford	133	134	124	125	-	-	8	8	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	25	25	-	-	7	7	-	-
Pennard, East.	121	120	102	102	-	-	16	15	3	3
Pilton	277	284	260	269	2	-	15	15	-	-
Pylle	61	61	56	57	-	-	4	4	1	-
Stoke St. Michael	239	243	233	237	1	1	4	4	1	1
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	296	300	278	282	9	9	8	8	1	1
Total	3563	3630	3334	3403	45	41	170	173	14	13



TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	1968		1969	
	3,563		3,630	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>		<u>%</u>		<u>%</u>
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3218	90.32	3290	90.63
Houses with private main water	72	2.02	71	1.96
Houses with well, spring, etc, piped to house	170	4.78	173	4.76
Total houses with internal supply	3460	97.12	3534	97.35
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
Public main	44	1.25	42	1.15
Wells, springs, etc.	14	.39	13	.36
Total houses with external individual supply	58	1.62	55	1.51
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
Standpipe on public main	45	1.26	41	1.14
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3196	89.7	3295	90.77
Houses with shared water closet	10	.29	8	.22
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	331	9.29	308	8.48
Houses with privy	26	.72	19	.53
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1723	48.36	1852	51.02
Houses drained to satisfactory cesspit or septic tank	1474	41.37	1440	39.67
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	366	10.27	338	9.31
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	113	3.2	103	2.84
Houses with no bath	839	23.52	792	21.81



TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	1968	1969
Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	3,563	3,630
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	47	41
Houses in need of major repairs ...	95	91
Houses in need of minor repairs ...	393	385
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness ...	429	422
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects ...	1,499	1,523
Post-war private houses ...	417	463
Council houses ...	683	705

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 survey	-	326
<u>December 1969</u>		
Houses void and under consideration	9	
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed ...	15	
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act procedure ...	17	<u>Total 41</u>

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications(a) Total applications (including old people)

On list at 1st January 1969 ... 132

On list at 31st December 1969 ... 94

(b) Of total number, reasonable cases only

	Families	Old People	Total
On list at 1st January 1969 ...	21	22	43
On list at 31st December 1969 ...	27	28	55

In addition to the 28 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December, 10 old people occupying Council houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE F - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

Approved to 1968	During 1969	Total	Completed to 1968	During 1969	Total	O/Occupier	Tenant
182	4	186	171	3	174	85	89

Standard Grants

Approved to 1968	During 1969	Total	Completed to 1968	During 1969	Total	O/Occupier	Tenant
188	20	208	160	17	177	100	77

TABLE C - VISITS

				<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
1	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	13	8
2	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...	171	78
3	Improvement Grants	...	...	106	126
4	Council Houses	...	...	2,127	1,791
5	Water Supplies	...	...	29	30
6	Drainage and sewage disposal	...	...	189	124
7	Infectious diseases	...	...	7	85
8	Atmospheric pollution	...	...	22	17
9	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	92	93
10	Rats and mice suppression (By Rodent Operators)			1,634	1,252
11	Rats, mice, and other vermin (By P.H. Inspectors)			13	37
12	Stables and piggeries	...	...	7	5
13	Moveable dwellings	...	...	29	15
14	Factories and workshops	...	...	2	1
15	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse	...	...	446	431
16	Other food inspection	...	...	12	12
17	Butchers	...	...	2	4
18	Ice-cream dealers	...	...	3	5
19	Dairies and milk distributors	...	...	10	1
20	Public Houses	...	...	5	10
21	Canteens and restaurants	...	...	1	2
22	Other food premises	...	...	17	31
23	Interviews	...	...	99	88
24	Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, (included in Miscellaneous in previous years)			-	28
25	Civic Amenities Act (included in Miscellaneous in previous year)	...	...	-	33
26	Miscellaneous	...	...	152	72



TABLE H - FACTORIES

INSPECTION

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power).	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (power):	36	1	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
	37	1	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Defects	Number of cases where defects found				Number of prosecutions
	Found	Rem- ed- ied	Referred		
			To HM. Insp.	By HM. Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1.					
Overcrowding. Sec.2.					
Unsatisfactory temperature. Sec.3.					
Ventilation. Sec.4.					
Ineffective drainage of floors. Sec.6.					
Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7.					
(a) insufficient.					
(b) unsuitable or defective.					
(c) not separate for sexes.					
Other offences (not including Outworkers)					

TABLE I - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applicable	Complying
Butcher only	1	1	1
Butcher and Sausage Manufacturer	5	5	5
Public House only	23	23	23
Public House and Restaurant	5	5	5
Public House and Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocer and Green-Grocer	10	10	10
Grocer and Ice-Cream Dealer	28	28	28
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner and Ice-Cream Dealer	3	-	-
Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Restaurant and Canteen	3	3	3
Food Factory and Canteen	1	1	1
Wet and Fried Fish	1	1	1
Total	92	88	88

TABLE J - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED AS FOOD PREMISES, etc

49 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.



TABLE K - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1969

1. Whole carcasses and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bruising	-	-	1	-	2	3
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	33	-	15	48
Immaturity/Emaciation	-	-	2	3	1	6
Jaundice	-	-	5	-	-	5
Moribund	-	-	1	-	-	1
Oedema	1	1	11	11	10	34
Pyæmia	-	-	18	-	10	28
Septicaemia	-	-	32	-	17	49
Total	1	1	103	14	56	175

2. Part carcasses condemned

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	6	-	4	1	13	24
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	16	16
Bruising	5	1	12	3	10	31
Oedema	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	-	-	-	1	6	7
Total	11	1	16	5	46	79

3. Offal condemned

2,275 items of edible offal were condemned

4. Total animals killed and inspected

Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
446	66	4,100	1,274	948	6,834



TABLE L - MEAT INSPECTION 1969

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	446	66	4100	1274	948
<u>(1) Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of animals affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>(2) Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>					
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for refrigeration treatment	3	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	3	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reasons	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of animals affected with cysticercus bovis	1.4	-	-	-	-
<u>(3) All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	103	14	56
Part carcasses or organs condemned	168	45	631	259	482
Percentage of animals affected	38	70	18	21	57
<u>(4) Weight of meat and offal condemned(in lbs), for :-</u>					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus bovis	173	-	-	-	-
Other diseases	1515	1239	7466	1395	7235

Total Weights condemned

Cysticercus Bovis            1 cwt. 61 lbs.  
Other Diseases        8 tons.8 cwt.34 lbs.

